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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AORG, UNESCO

SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH ISRAELI PERM REP UNESCO

REF: PARIS 18984

1. ISRAELI PERMREP YAPOU PAID CALL ON PERMREP JONES ON FRIDAY, JULY 25. YAPOU HAD NOTHING SPECIAL TO DISCUSS, BUT WANTED TO MAINTAIN THE REGULAR DIALOGUE THAT NOW EXISTS. HE GAVE THE ISRAELI VIEW OF THE RECENT VISITS OF UNESCO OFFICERS BOLLA AND CONTON. YAPOU CONFIRMED THAT ISRAEL WOULD NOT COOPERATE UNDER THE RESOLUTION PASSED CONCERNING EDUCATION IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND WOULD NOT FURNISH ANY INFORMATION SO LONG AS IT WAS REQUESTED UNDER THESE RESOLUTIONS. YAPOU ALSO REITERATED THAT ISRAEL WOULD NOT ACCEPT ANY UNESCO PRESENCE AS CALLED FOR IN THE RESOLUTION (18C 13.1).

2. YAPOU DID NOT ADD ANYTHING NEW CONCERNING THE EXCAVATIONS. HE SAID BOLLA WAS RECEIVED WITH COURTESY AND DISCUSSIONS WERE IN THAT VAIN. YAPOU EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER REACTIONS IN ISRAELI PUBLIC OPINION ABOUT  
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ANY VISIT OF UNESCO REPRESENTATIVES. HE SAID HE FEARED

THAT PUBLIC REACTION WOULD BE SO HOSTILE AS TO PREVENT ANY VISIT THAT MIGHT IMPLY A SOFTENING OF GOI ATTITUDES TOWARDS UNESCO. YAPOU STATED THEY HAD NOTHING PERSONAL AGAINST THE DG M'BOW AND REGRETTED IF M'BOW CHOSE TO TAKE CRITICISM EXPRESSED IN THE PRESS AS REPRESENTING THAT OF THE GOI.

3. PERMREP JONES SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF A CONTINUING DIALOGUE WERE MAINTAINED WITH UNESCO EVEN THOUGH THERE WAS LITTLE POSSIBILITY OF ANY SETTLEMENT OF THE JERUSALEM ISSUE. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT DEPUTY DG FOBES BE INVITED BY THE ISRAELI NATIONAL COMMISSION TO VISIT ISRAEL. THIS MIGHT PROVIDE A BASIS FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITHOUT INDICATING ANY OFFICIAL VISIT. AS FOBES IS EXPERIENCED IN DIPLOMACY, HE COULD ACHIEVE MUCH MORE THAN BOLLA OR CONTON. ALSO, IT WAS POINTED OUT, THIS WOULD RAISE THE STATURE OF FOBES IN M'BOW'S EYES AND THIS WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL. YAPOU EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT SUCH A VISIT COULD TAKE PLACE GIVEN THE VOLATILE STATE OF ISRAELI PUBLIC OPINION. HOWEVER, HE AGREED TO PASS ON THE IDEA.

4. YAPOU REITERATED THAT PROFESSOR LEMAIRE WOULD BE WELCOMED ON A FACT-FINDING MISSION NOT CONNECTED WITH THE RESOLUTIONS. HE HAD NO INFORMATION ON WHETHER THE DG WOULD ASK LEMAIRE TO GO, AND SAID HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS VIS A VIS LEMAIRE.

5. COMMENT: NO DISCERNABLE CHANGE WAS NOTED IN GOI ATTITUDE TOWARD UNESCO. ANY MOVEMENT TOWARD SETTLEMENT OF THE UNESCO-JERUSALEM PROBLEM IS REMOTE INDEED. HOWEVER, IT IS POSSIBLE A DIALOGUE WILL BE MAINTAINED. AS BOTH M'BOW AND THE ISRAELIS ARE SENSITIVE TO ANY CRITICISM, MATTERS ARE DELICATE. GOI IS EVIDENTLY SOMEWHAT OF A PRISONER OF THE PUBLIC REACTION THAT HAS BEEN GENERATED BY THE PRESS COVERAGE OF THE UNESCO AFFAIR, MUCH OF WHICH WAS CHARGED WITH EMOTION. M'BOW IS SENSITIVE TO ANYTHING THAT MIGHT IMPLY GIVING INTO PRESSURE FROM GOI, HE IS BOUND TO RESPECT THE RESOLUTIONS  
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PASSED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, AND HIS PERSONAL COURAGE AND MANLINESS IS CALLED INTO PLAY WHEN HE OR HIS ALTER EGO, UNESCO, IS ATTACKED.  
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